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Onion Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the area of onion production in view of the shortfall of its supply during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the production of onion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Several factors including monsoon and climatic factors play and important role in annual variation in area and production of onion in the country; however, Government initiatives have definitely yielded results due to which increase in area and production of Onion from 2009-10 to 2015-16 is about 54% and 65% respectively.

Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Government of India is providing assistance to onion and other vegetable growers in the country, through National Level Agencies (NLAs) and State Governments for increasing the area, productivity, storage and market facilities of onion and other vegetables. National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF), an NLA under MIDH is providing assistance to the onion growers for promotion of improved onion varieties, scientific package and practices of its cultivation, post-harvest management and storage on onion through various interventions of MIDH. The State Governments are also implementing MIDH interventions in their states for promotion of vegetable crops including onion. Steps have been taken for Kharif onion cultivation in non-traditional areas in the country.

Institutes of Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) have released many high yielding varieties of onion, improved package and practices for their cultivation, post-harvest management and storage techniques.

Onion growers of the country are also getting benefits from various Government schemes like Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Soil Health Card Scheme etc.

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